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Miles City Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision

FACT SHEET: Land with Wilderness Characteristics

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The BLM maintains an inventory of all lands under its jurisdiction, pursuant to Section 201 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA). As required by law, the BLM continues to maintain inventories of lands under its jurisdiction, including lands with wilderness characteristics. The BLM will consider the wilderness characteristics of BLM-administered land when undertaking land use planning consistent with FLPMA and other applicable authorities.

Inventories for Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

The existing inventory of BLM-administered lands in the planning area was updated and evaluated to determine whether additional lands, other than the existing WSAs, have wilderness characteristics. Throughout the inventory update, the criteria for analyzing and determining the presence of wilderness characteristics remained unchanged. Areas with wilderness characteristics must possess sufficient size, natural qualities and opportunities for either solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation. In addition, they may also possess supplemental values.

The inventory updates identified two areas meeting the criteria for wilderness characteristics, and are shown on Maps 66 and 67 of the Draft RMP/EIS. The inventory forms are available on the internet at web address http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/prog/lands_with_wilderness.html.

Table 1: Miles City Draft RMP/EIS Summary - Lands with Wilderness Characteristics; areas and actions by alternative. *Visual Resource Management (VRM).

Miles City Draft RMP/EIS				
Summary - Lands with Wilderness Characteristics				
Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D	Alternative E
Terry Badlands				
1,960 acres:				
Acquired lands within an existing WSA; managed same as WSA lands.				
Devil's Creek Common				
5,236 acres: No management actions to specifically protect wilderness characteristics.	5,236 acres: Management actions include: O&G leasing with NSO stipulation, no surface disturbing activities allowed, and area managed as *VRM Class II.	5,236 acres: Management actions include: O&G leasing with CSU stipulation, surface disturbing activities allowed only if they meet wilderness goals, and area managed as *VRM Class II.		